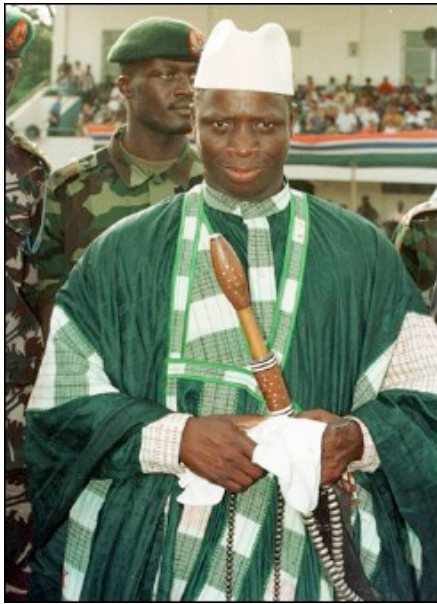


Pres. Yaya Jammeh Brands Gambian Mandinka as ‘foreigners’ and says he will “kill Mandinka protesters like ants”.



In a speech at a political rally in Talinding on June 1, Pres. Jammeh declared ethnic cleansing against the country’s majority tribe, the Mandinka, by branding them as non-Gambians who came from Mali. He said the Mandinka are not only his enemy but also an enemy of The Gambia. Mr. Jammeh accused the Mandinka of belittling other tribes in The Gambia. He said he is not going to allow ‘donkeys and vermins’ (i.e. referring to the Mandinka) to destroy the 21 years of development he brought to the Gambia, noting that the combined 31-year rule of Jawara regime and the 400 years of British colonialism had not done what he has done in terms of development for The Gambia. Therefore, he said he is going to crush protesters to death. He vowed that the Mandinka would never rule The Gambia. He said from now on, no demonstration would be tolerated in The Gambia. He said all his enemies both within and outside the country would not live to witness the December 1st 2016 elections.

He told the gathering that the Mandinka are troublemakers, and haters of his regime. Jammeh has vowed to liquidate Mandinka and nothing will come out of it.

Here are excerpts of his 10-minute statement

“In 1864, there were no Mandinka in this country. You came from Mali. I will not allow foreigners to destroy this country.”

“The Mandinka are fond of saying they should bail each other out because The Gambia is a Mandinka nation. This is not a Mandinka country. I have solid evidence that the Mandinka are not from this country. If you don’t behave well, I will deal with you.”

“I will wipe you out and nothing will come out of it. The first demonstration; they were all Mandinka. The second demonstrators were Mandinka and two Fula people. The Fula have joined the bad guys; welcome to hell. I urge the Mandinka to repent to Allah for your bad deeds. The Mandinka, who the hell do you think you are? You are in the business of demeaning other tribes by calling them “Suruwa-ndingo (small Wolof person), Fula-ndingo (small Fula person), Jola-ndingo (small Jola person). A good Muslim should not behave like the Mandinka. You need to repent.”

“This time around, no police will arrest and charge you. The army would be deployed to shoot and kill anyone found in the streets demonstrating. Just demonstrate and see what will happen to you. I will not send the police. I will send the army to wipe you out and see who is going to talk about it. Bilahi, Walahi Talahi (swear words in Islam). I will kill you like ants and nothing will come out of it.”

“All my enemies and Gambia’s enemies will die before the elections. No policeman, or soldier will arrest you. You will all die one by one before the elections.”

“I will kill you like ants and no western country can do darn thing about it. Who are you to disrespect other tribes? You think you own this country. The Gambia is not a Mandinka country. I swear to God: There will be no Mandinka government in The Gambia. Never! If that fails, let me go to hell if I die.”

“If you don’t know your history, let me tell you that you hailed from Manding in Ancient Mali. What led to your departure from Mali? The Bambara community chased you out from Mali, which led to your resettling in The Gambia. The Mandinka are foreigners in this country.”

“What worries me about the Mandinka is that: The Mandinka hate themselves. You don’t like yourself. Jawara has been in power for over thirty-one years and his worst opponents and enemies were Mandinka. For thirty-one years, the Wolof, Fula, Jola, and other tribes, were Jawara’s biggest supporters. If it were not these people, Jawara wouldn’t even have won for second time. Despite Jawara’s tribalism, it was other tribes that supported Jawara.

“Allah brought me, and you said you are not going to support me. That’s your business. But if you cross my line, you will never cross somebody’s line again.”

“The Minister of Interior is here. From 1994 to date, if 10,000 Gambians were deported from Europe 9,950 were all Mandingos. Who are you? And when you go, you tell lies. In fact, I have granted approval... All those being deported from Australia are Mandinka.”

The End.